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Proceeding	91188374
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In the matter of Application of Serial No. 78/845340

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ASCO GROUP LIMITED,)	
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Opposer,)	
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v.)	Opposition No. 91188374
)	
LARA L. GEORGE,)	
)	
Applicant.)	
_____)	

ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Applicant, LARA L. GEORGE, through her undersigned counsel, LITMAN LAW OFFICES, LTD., hereby files this Answer to the Notice of Opposition in the above-captioned matter, and states as follows:

1. Applicant is without knowledge as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 1 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies those allegations.
2. Applicant is without knowledge as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 2 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies those allegations.
3. Applicant admits that Opposer is the record owner of the six (6) U.S. Trademark Registrations identified in Paragraph 3 of the Notice of Opposition.
4. Applicant is without knowledge as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 4 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies those allegations.
5. Applicant is without knowledge as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 5 of

the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies those allegations.

6. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 6 of the Notice of Opposition.

7. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 7 of the Notice of Opposition.

8. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 8 of the Notice of Opposition.

9. Applicant is without knowledge as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 9 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies those allegations.

10. Applicant is without knowledge as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 10 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies those allegations.

11. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 11 of the Notice of Opposition.

12. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 12 of the Notice of Opposition.

13. Applicant repeats and restates her responses to Paragraphs 1 through 12 as set forth above.

14. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 14 of the Notice of Opposition.

15. Applicant is without knowledge as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 15 of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies those allegations.

16. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 16 of the Notice of Opposition.

17. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 17 of the Notice of Opposition.

18. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 18 of the Notice of Opposition.

19. Each and every allegation of the Notice of Opposition herein not specifically admitted above is hereby expressly denied.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

20. By way of affirmative defense, Applicant states that the Kangaroo Design as claimed by Opposer is not distinctive of the goods for which it is used and/or registered.

21. By way of affirmative defense, Applicant states that her Kangaroo Design is not confusingly similar to the various marks that Opposer owns that use a kangaroo design.

22. Applicant reserves the right to, and intends to, rely upon any and all other defenses properly provable under the facts herein as or after such defenses become known to Applicant, whether or not specifically pleaded above, including but not limited to the defenses of abandonment, laches, estoppel, fraud, mistake, prior judgment, and any other matter which is or may become the basis of issue herein.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered the Notice of Opposition herein, Applicant respectfully requests that same be dismissed in its entirety and that her application, Serial No. 78/845340, proceed to registration.

Respectfully submitted,

LITMAN LAW OFFICES, LTD.

Date: February 19, 2009

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of the foregoing **ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION** was mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, and a copy was sent via electronic mail to counsel for Opposer, Dianne M. Smith-Misemer, Esq., Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, P.O. Box #061080, Wacker Drive Station, Sears Tower, Chicago, IL 60606, on this 19th day of February, 2009.

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